

ADOT WORKERS And You

Have the right to be safe!

Did you know that:

- 🚧 Each year, more than 40,000 people are injured in work zone vehicle crashes in the United States?
- 🚧 Motorists and their passengers account for **four out of every five** work zone fatalities?
- 🚧 Three out of every twenty fatalities is a pedestrian or bicyclist (FWHA, 2003)?



Save lives:

Follow U.S. Work Zone Safety Tips

(Federal Highway Administration, 2004)

- 🚧 **PAY ATTENTION TO WARNING SIGNS:** Diamond shaped orange warning signs let you know how to drive through a work zone. They will tell you that you are approaching a work zone, what speed to travel, and where it is safe to drive.
- 🚧 **OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS:** If you see the sign, "Flagger Ahead," be prepared to follow the flagger's directions. It's the law.
- 🚧 **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED:** Expect changing traffic lanes, closed exits, and people working near or on the road.
- 🚧 This means you need to **STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS:** Stay off your cell phone, leave the radio alone, and save your meal until you are through the work zone. Don't do *anything* that causes you to take your eyes off the road!
- 🚧 **SLOW DOWN WHEN THE SIGNS SAY TO:** Speeding is the **leading cause** of work zone crashes. Did you know that it takes less than a minute more to travel through a two-mile-long work zone at 45 mph than at 65 mph. — that is only 52 seconds, to be precise.
- 🚧 **DON'T TAILGATE!** The **most common crash** in a highway work zone is the rear end collision. Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you.
- 🚧 **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.**
- 🚧 **MERGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:** Don't drive right up to a lane closure and then try to barge in. Barging in causes traffic jams.
- 🚧 **BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.** Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the work zone crewmembers are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.
- 🚧 **PLAN YOUR TRIP BEFORE HEADING OUT:** **Schedule enough time to drive safely.** If roadwork is scheduled, expect delays. You can find out about Arizona work zones by calling **511** or by pointing your browser to: <http://www.az511.com>.